## FOREST TECHNOLOGY

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The Forest Technology two-year degree program provides students with knowledge of the field practice of forest management and an understanding of the physical, biological, and quantitative aspects that form the basis of forestry. Courses will involve a mixture of traditional lectures and outside labs, including hands-on learning at the college's 300-acre experimental forest.

Graduates are immediately able to find jobs at the technical level. Forestry agencies and wood-using industries employ forest technicians as an important part of their forest management team. Students interested in a baccalaureate degree can easily transition to the Forest Resources Management specialization of the Sustainable Resource Management degree.

Forest Technicians can perform a variety of work at their place of employment, including timber cruising, land conservation, logging, and private forestry consulting.

## UNIQUE COURSES

- Forest Ecology
- Dendrology
- Forest Ecosystem Protection
- Wood and Forest Products



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## - GRADUATE SUCCESS STORY

Inza Pacella graduated in 2023 with a degree in Environmental Science and works for the United States Forest Service at The Seneca Rocks Discovery Center in Seneca Rocks WV. Inza works as an Interpretive Ranger working to educate the public about their public lands. She uses her Dendrology skills to give guided "Ranger Hikes" focused on tree identification and is often found answering questions about the local

trees found in the area.

This educational program in forest technology leading to the degree in associate of science is a candidate for accreditation by the Society of American Foresters (SAF), under the forest technology standard.

